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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

December ended with unseasonably warm temperatures and several showers. These conditions were ideal for livestock but have winter wheat producers a little concerned about this year's crop. The lack of snow cover has not damaged the wheat to date. Condition of winter wheat as of January 4 was 16 percent fair, 67 percent good and 17 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture was eight percent short, 72 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Farm activities included hauling grain, repairing fences, vehicles and machinery, leasing cropland and signing up for 2004 farm programs.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 4				
Northwest	2	31	66	1
Northeast	1	6	92	1
West	-	7	73	20
Central	-	4	93	3
East	-	-	61	39
W Southwest	-	5	73	22
E Southeast	-	-	56	44
Southwest	-	-	65	35
Southeast	-	-	80	20
State	-	8	72	20

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
December 1 - 31						
Northwest	29.7	25.1	4.7	3.04	2.04	1.00
Northeast	30.8	26.6	4.2	2.33	2.31	0.02
West	32.3	28.6	3.7	3.75	2.25	1.50
Central	32.2	28.4	3.8	2.35	2.50	-0.15
East	32.3	28.7	3.6	2.57	2.58	0.00
W Southwest	34.7	31.2	3.5	2.61	2.72	-0.12
E Southeast	35.2	32.2	3.0	2.90	3.08	-0.18
Southwest	37.2	34.5	2.7	2.64	3.42	-0.78
Southeast	37.5	35.1	2.3	2.34	3.60	-1.26
State	33.4	29.8	3.5	2.73	2.69	0.04

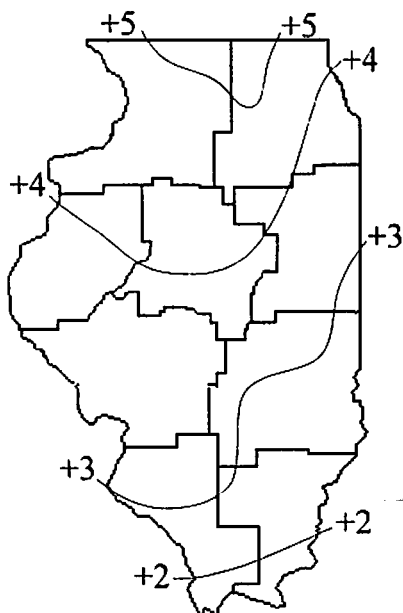
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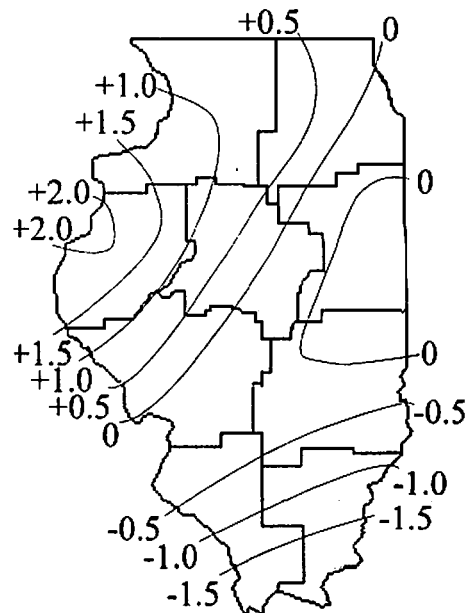
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Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31

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